

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A disk record/playback device comprising:

a chassis for holding a disk;

a panel whose lower end is pivotably supported on the chassis;

a turntable provided on the panel or on the chassis, for fitting into the central portion of the disk;

a stop for receiving the disk edgewise to bring a center hole in the disk and the fore-end of the turntable into opposition, and with the disk being mounted on the turntable, for coming out of edgewise abutment with the disk; wherein

provided inside the panel is a holder through one end of which the disk is inserted and in the other end of which is an opening;

the panel is provided so as to be translatable between a first position in which with the panel closed from its open position, the holder comes into contact with the chassis and the center hole in the disk is brought near the fore-end of the turntable, and a second position in which with the panel further closed from the first position with the holder being in contact with the chassis, the disk is fitted onto the turntable;

the stop is supported pivotably on the panel, and its free end enters the other end of the holder to receive the disk; and

provided between the stop and the chassis is a release mechanism for pivoting the stop in a direction in which, in association with the panel pivoting from the first position to the second position, the stop comes out of abutment with the disk.

Claim 2 (Original): A disk record/playback device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the release mechanism includes a protuberance provided on the chassis for coming into contact with the stop.

Claim 3 (Original): A disk record/playback device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a damper provided on the panel, wherein in association with the panel pivoting from the first position to the second position, the damper clamps the disk between itself and the turntable on the chassis.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A disk record/playback device comprising:
a chassis for holding a disk;
a panel whose lower end is pivotably supported on the chassis in which inside the panel a holder is provided;

a turntable provided on the panel or on the chassis, for fitting into the central portion of the disk;

a stop for receiving the disk edgewise to bring a center hole in the disk and the fore-end of the turntable into opposition, and with the disk being mounted on the turntable, for coming out of edgewise abutment with the disk; wherein

the panel is provided so as to be translatable between a first position in which the center hole in the disk is brought near the fore-end of the turntable, and a second position in which the disk is fitted onto the turntable;

the stop is supported pivotably on the panel, and a free end thereof enters a lower end of the holder to receive the disk;

the chassis is furnished with a release mechanism for pivoting the stop in a direction in which, in association with the panel pivoting from the first position to the second position, the stop comes out of abutment with the disk.